WEST VIRGINIA BROADBAND DEPLOYMENT COUNCIL

Thursday, February 24, 2011 @ 9:00 a.m.

The meeting of the West Virginia Broadband Deployment Council was held in Building 6, Room 6A on Thursday, February 24, 2011, at 9:00 a.m.

The following members participated:

Keith Burdette
Michael Kelemen
Kyle Schafer
Erica Mani
Ken Arndt
Dr. Jan Fox
Jimmy Gianato
Lee Fisher (via phone)

Additional participants:

Andrea Rayl
Kevin Lazor
Michael Hohn
George Hohmann
Paul Miller
Reverend Patterson
Mike Green
David Grisby
Mark Polen
Tom Susman
Scott Cosco
Dan O'Hanlon
Colonel Tedorovich
Billy Jack Greg
Jim Martin
Jonathan Cauldwell (via phone)
Samantha Stamper
Eric Eyre

After a quorum was established, Chair Burdette welcomed the Council and called the meeting to order.

Business

Chair Burdette asked for the approval of the minutes from the December meeting of the Broadband Deployment Council. The Council approved the minutes with no objection.

Other Business

Chair Burdette informed the Council that Mike Friloux had resigned from the Council. Lee Fisher asked that the minutes reflect compliments to Mr. Friloux for the professionalism, expertise, and leadership he showed during his tenure on the Council.

Chair Burdette asked Jimmy Gianato to provide the Council with the 1,064 sites that were selected for locations with the original broadband grant. Mr. Gianato stated that the spreadsheet naming these sites would be posted on the State's Recovery website for anyone to download and view.

Chair Burdette then asked Michael Hohn to update the Council on the mapping project. Mr. Hohn stated that they were in the 2nd year of 5 year project. This project includes data collection, verification, creation of web application that will have the maps that are available to the public, technical assistance to local groups and creation of regional groups. Additional work required the mapping team to hire two new individuals – one with expertise in GIS and one with experience as a grant administrator. Mr. Hohn stated that the next deadline for them to submit data to the NITA is March 3.1 Mr. Hohn spoke about the National Map and how in his opinion that data does not reflect the latest information and from his experience is slow. He has tried to talk to people at NTIA but they did not seem to be very responsive. Mr. Hohn stated that he is positive that West Virginia's map will be better than the national map.

Dr. Fox told the Council that the Huntington Fiber Ring would be completed on February 25, 2011 for health care connectivity for all the hospitals for research and education. Marshall University received the SEG-P grant that allows them to share their Internet-2 connection.

Public Comment

Reverend James Patterson, President of Partnership of African American Churches and member of CARN (Central Appalachian Regional Network) asked the Council to consider the following 4 questions: do we have universal Broadband for the state, is it truly high speed broadband, is it accessible and is it affordable for low-to-moderately low income families. Reverend Patterson stated that he hoped in four years he would be able to address the Council and have answers to these questions.

Adjournment

The next meeting will be noticed for March 18, 2011, at 11:00 a.m. The meeting location, call-in number and agenda will be provided prior to the meeting.

With no other business, the meeting adjourned at 10:02 a.m.